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SUBJECT: AMEDDC&S and FSH Risk Management Signature Policy

1. References.

- a. Army Regulation 385-10, Army Safety Program, 29 February 2000
- b. Field Manual 100-14, Risk Management, 23 April 1998
- c. TRADOC Regulation 385-2, TRADOC Safety Program, 27 January 2000
- d. TRADOC Policy Letter, SUBJECT: Risk Management Integration and TRADOC Risk Decision Authority, 12 June 2003.

2. Risk management is the primary technique to be used for accident prevention within the Army. Risk management is an analytical technique that is used to systematically assess, eliminate, or reduce the risk associated with any operation or action. It must be a routine part of planning and executing operational missions. The process is cyclic in nature and applies from initial planning through after-action review.

3. The primary tenets of effective risk management are that commanders will accept no risk unless the potential benefit outweighs the potential loss and that risk decisions must be made at the appropriate level. Risk decision authority is based upon the residual risk of an activity after application of control measures. Successful designation of signature levels hinges upon an honest dedication to use of the Risk Level Matrix. As the AMEDDC&S and Fort Sam Houston Commanding General (CG), I have established residual risk acceptance authority as follows:

a. Extremely high risk – CG AMEDDC&S and Fort Sam Houston. Any AMEDDC&S unit planning an operation with a residual risk level of EXTREMELY HIGH will forward their request to the CG AMEDDC&S. Non-AMEDDC&S commanders wanting to conduct training or operations with a residual risk of EXTREMELY HIGH will forward their request for approval through their MACOM chain of command. Requests must include a risk assessment and the rationale or need for the acceptance of an EXTREMELY HIGH residual risk.

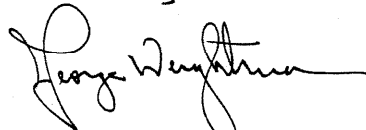
b. High risk — 32nd Medical Brigade Commander for AMEDD units. Non-AMEDD units must have approval from Colonel or equivalent as designated by their parent flag officer command.

Note: All activities must notify the FSH Garrison Commander through the FSH and Camp Bullis Safety Office at 295-7915 or 221-3866, prior to engaging in any extremely high or high-risk training.

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- c. Medium risk – Lieutenant Colonel or equivalent, and GS-13 and above.
 - d. Low risk – Any commissioned officer, E-8 and above, and GS-11 and above.
4. The point of contact for this policy is Guadalupe Gomez, Safety Manager, 221-3866, or Mary Lloyd, Safety Specialist, 295-7915.



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